

Central Europe to Scandinavia and West Russia (Staudinger and Rebel, 1901).

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ABNORMAL ABUNDANCE OF COCCINELLA SEPTEMPUNCTATA L. — This familiar scarlet ladybird with black spots was unusually numerous in 1976, but I was particularly struck by its abundance while walking along the promenade at Eastbourne on the 30th July, when one or more living or squashed specimens could be seen on the ground at every few steps. — J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.

DIATARAXIA OLERACEA L. IN JANUARY. — Part of my offices is a large new building at 63 Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.2. We have two small bedrooms on the top floor (7th) which are used when evening functions make it inconvenient to return home.

I occupied one of these on the night of the 18th/19th January, 1977.

At 07.20 on the 19th January, I passed through the adjoining office to go down to my room on the 3rd floor. As I did so a moth flew across the office. I was quite unequipped but was able to catch it by hand. It was a rather small specimen, but perfectly fresh, of *Diataraxia oleracea*, the Bright Line Brown Eye. This moth is normally on the wing in June and July and again sometimes in the autumn. Is it likely that it is breeding in the nursery greenhouses which supply the foliage house plants that are used in some numbers throughout the building and that the pupa was brought into the office in one of the flower pots? — J. A. C. GREENWOOD, "The Thatches", Forest Road, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

CORRECTION

Reference my note on *Cyclophora puppillaria* Hbn. in the January issue (*antea*, p. 12), I regret I give the date as July 22nd in error. This should have read October 3rd. — C. H. DIXON.